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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to firm on whole turkeys. Inquiry light to sometimes fair for current shipments centering mostly on small volumes, generally fair for deferred. Frozen commodity tom trading heavy centering in the East and Midwest, mostly in the East for September-November deliveries. Institutional toms traded in the Midwest and East with 24-26 lb. sizes noted at 78 September, 81 October, 84 November and 26-28 lb. sizes at 80 September, 82 October and 85 cents delivered November. Offerings light at best for current shipments. Fresh tom breast meat offerings light to fully adequate. The increased availability of fresh tom breast meat is due in part to the cooler, ideal growing conditions which resulted in heavier weights and weekend processing schedules to bring birds in earlier.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Active inquiry noted in the East on drums for export to Russia with offering prices noted at higher price levels. Some activity also noted on tom drums to Mexico for product under 30 days of age, while others find export interest light on drums. Seller trade sentiment steady to fully steady on thigh meat for a less active buyer call.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 18, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	69	-	-	-	79.33	640	SEP-NOV	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69	-	-	-	79.33	280	SEP-NOV	-	-
WESTERN REGION	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JUNE 14-18, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	68.30**	68.00**	59.87
CENTRAL REGION	67.80**	68.00	58.50
WESTERN REGION	68.20**	68.00**	60.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	72.00	69.00**	58.16
CENTRAL REGION	69.50	69.75	58.70**
WESTERN REGION	71.50	71.50	59.40**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	76-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	86-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	86-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	89-114

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 21-JUN-99

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>
	<u>HENS LBS</u>	<u>TOMS LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>

SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)		
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)	276	20

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 05-Jun-99  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

---YOUNG TURKEYS---				FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND			AVG
HEAD	%	CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---		WT	
N EAST	532	43	24.85	NONE	NONE	532	24.85
S ATL	600	-39	25.29	NONE	NONE	600	25.29
N CENT	1,744	-15	29.24	(A)	(A)	1,757	29.23
S CENT	490	-20	19.67	NONE	NONE	490	19.67
WEST	495	-13	28.08	(A)	(A)	496	28.12
U.S.TOTAL	3,861(B)	-29	26.91	0	14	3,875	26.92
TO DATE							
1999	103,243(B)			27	670	103,940	
TO DATE							
1998	112,047(B)			9	779	112,835	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 2,000 for the year 324,000; last year to date 431,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 05-Jun-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	3,861	14	3,875
AVGWT	0.00	26.91	29.43	26.92
LAST WEEK	0	4,593	38	4,631
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1	5,978	45	6,024
AVGWT	5.00	25.99(A)	26.58	25.99
TO-DATE/1999	27	103,243(A)	670	103,940
TO-DATE/1998	9	112,047(A)	779	112,835

(A) Includes 324,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 431,000 in 1998.

**CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** 05-Jun-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 495 HD, 13,899 LBS,  
TO DATE 6,628 HD, 163,483 LBS; OLD 1 HD, TO DATE 122 HD;  
TOTAL 496 HD, TO DATE 6,750 HD.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

MAY	416,267 *
JUNE 1-5, 1999	82,426 *

To date 1999	2,129,736 *
To date 1998	2,284,557 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 JUNE 1999.

Trade sentiment was generally steady on thigh meat, steady to cautious on breast meat, mostly steady on tom parts and some strength noted on hen v-type wings. Mechanically separated turkey was firm and supplies were tight with trades at higher trending prices. Export demand was light for thigh meat, fair for tom drums.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	97.00		97.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	129.00		129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	93.00-96.00		93.78	180
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	17.85	520
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		M	16.00	13
NECKS, HEN	15.00		15.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	183.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	189.00-190.00		189.33	120
THIGH MEAT		T	64.00	7
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	64.00		64.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	109.93	43
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	152.00		152.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	67.67	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	22.00-26.00		24.80	200
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.50-17.00		15.70	600
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	17.13	248
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.50		19.50	104
TAILS		R	18.50	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.29	1,333
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	62.59	224

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 JUNE 1999.

Trading was irregular on fresh breast meat and the market tone was about steady. Increased inquiry noted on scapula, trim meat and tenders with trading of fresh and frozen destrapped tenders at 165. A grade 8-10 lb breasts moved at 105. Tom drumsticks were available with some offerings at higher trending prices. Export sales on thigh trim were at 37 cents and ground drum trim at 24.5 cents.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	97.00	40	97.00	320
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	40	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	94.00		94.00	40	93.82	220
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	15.50-18.00		17.36	280	17.38	301
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	17.85	520		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	20	18.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00		21.00	40	22.02	102
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	23.00	14	23.00	17
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	22.00	104	21.44	144
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		M	16.00	13	16.00	13
NECKS, HEN		R	15.00	14	15.00	26
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	183.00	20	183.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	188.00-197.00		190.40	334	191.46	1,034
THIGH MEAT		T	64.00	7	64.00	7
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	61.00		61.00	14	63.55	94
BREAST TRIM MEAT	109.00		109.00	14	109.00	14
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS	151.00		151.00	40	151.38	64
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	67.67	60	67.67	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	21.00	40	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	25.00-28.50		26.71	280	22.95	1,272
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	15.70	600	15.92	720
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	17.13	248		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	19.50	104	20.00	208
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	25.00		25.00	40	25.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00		65.00	190	63.66	494

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